

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 30, 2007

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 18, 2007

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 9, 2007

SENATE BILL

No. 884

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

February 23, 2007

An act to add Section 30327.5 to the Public Resources Code, relating to coastal resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 884, as amended, Lowenthal. California Coastal Commission: gift or gratuity.

The California Coastal Act of 1976 prohibits a commission member or alternate from making, participating in making, or in any other way attempting to use his or her official position to influence a commission decision about which the member or alternate has knowingly had an ex parte communication, and which has not been reported as required by the act.

This bill would prohibit a commission member from accepting a gift or any form of gratuity from an applicant for approval of a coastal development permit, a person hired by an applicant regarding any business before the commission, a business partner of an applicant, or a person who has any business before the commission. *A commission member who violates this prohibition in addition to any other applicable penalty would be subject to a civil fine, not to exceed \$500 for each violation.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 30327.5 is added to the Public Resources
2 Code, to read:
3 30327.5. (a) A commission member shall not accept a gift or
4 any form of gratuity from an applicant for approval of a coastal
5 development permit, a person hired by an applicant regarding any
6 business before the commission, a business partner of an applicant,
7 or a person who has any business before the commission.
8 (b) *In addition to any other applicable penalty, a commission*
9 *member who violates subdivision (a) shall be subject to a civil*
10 *fine, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation.*